

CHAPTER 23

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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23.01 BOARD CREATED. There is hereby created and established a Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners for the City consisting of five members who are residents of the City and who shall stand for election.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

23.02 ELECTION; TERM. The Commissioners shall be elected at large for four-year staggered terms of office.

23.03 ORGANIZATION. The Board shall elect one of its members as Chairperson and one as Secretary. The Board shall keep a correct record of its proceedings and shall meet at such times as it may determine.

23.04 VACANCIES. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor, with the approval of the Council, and that appointee shall serve until the election of a Commissioner at the next regular municipal election.

23.05 POWERS AND DUTIES.

1. The Board shall advise the Council on needed facilities to provide open spaces such as parks, playgrounds, and community facilities for other forms of recreation. The Board shall also plan and oversee its programs and encourage other programs for the leisure time of the City's residents of all ages.
2. The Board shall have authority over the property devoted to parks and recreation, subject to the limitations of expenditures for supplies, contracts, and capital outlays set forth in the annual budget provided by the Council for parks and recreation operations. The Council retains the right to sell any real property, as it deems necessary, and retains the right to the property for City purposes.
3. The Board shall have authority to enter into binding contracts and agreements, except those that extend beyond the fiscal year, without review or approval by the Council.
4. The Board shall have the authority to establish and collect charges for the use of parks and recreation facilities.
5. The Board shall have authority to make rules and regulations for the use of parks or other recreational facilities or the conduct of recreational programs. Such rules shall be either posted on the facility or otherwise readily available to the public.
6. The Board shall have the right to adopt bylaws to govern the internal functioning of the Board, including (but not limited to) the creation of officers in addition to those otherwise specified by this section, their times, dates, and places of board meetings.
7. The Board shall make a written semiannual report to the Council on April 1 and October 1 of each year.

23.06 COMPENSATION. Members of the Parks and Recreation Board shall be paid the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) per meeting of the Board, but shall not be entitled to compensation exceeding the sum of \$320.00 per year.